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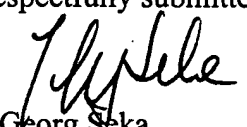
Claims 1-14 are presently pending in the instant application. This Amendment is made to eliminate all multiple dependencies from the claims, thereby avoiding the need to pay the multiple dependent surcharge.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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3. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the fluid (5) is forwarded through the flow connection (4) to a dispensing apparatus (6), with the total flow resistance of the flow connection (4) and of the dispensing apparatus (6) being selected such that its mean value is substantially larger than the fluctuations during operation.

4. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the fluid (5) is forwarded through the flow connection (4) to a dispensing apparatus (6), with the total flow resistance of the flow connection (4) and of the dispensing apparatus (6) being selected such that the pressure drop over the total flow resistance is substantially larger than the pressure fluctuations at the dispensing apparatus.

5. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the fluid (5) is forwarded through the flow connection (4) to a dispensing apparatus (6), with the total flow resistance of the flow connection (4) and of the dispensing apparatus (6) being selected such that the pressure drop over the total flow resistance is substantially larger than pressure changes at the inlet of the rotary pump.

6. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the flow resistance of the flow connection (4) can be changed and is matched to the fluid (5) to be forwarded.

7. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the volume flow is only set by the speed of rotation of the rotary pump (1).

8. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein an ON/OFF valve (8) is provided in the flow connection (4) or at the dispensing apparatus (6).

9. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the fluid (5) is at least partly recirculated into the reservoir (2).

10. (Amended) A method in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the rotary pump (1) has an integral rotor (10) and is designed as a bearing-free motor.

11. (Amended) Use of a method in accordance [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 for the transportation of suspensions, in particular for the transportation of slurry, especially in a CMP process.

12. (Amended) Use of a method in accordance [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 for the determination of the viscosity of a fluid.